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City of San Marcos to Dedicate Airport Tower Saturday

The City of San Marcos will dedicate its new nine-story airport tower Saturday in a ceremony at 10 a.m. at San Marcos Municipal Airport, 2100 Airport Drive in San Marcos.

“This exciting project will usher in a new era of improved capacity and safety at our airport,” said Mayor Susan Narvaiz. “We greatly appreciate the city, state and federal partnership that has made this project possible.”



NINE STORIES: The new airport tower at San Marcos Municipal Airport is 9 stories high with nearly 2,300 square feet. (Photo by Don Anders).

Participating in the event will be Congressman Lloyd Doggett as well as state and city officials.

The 9-story facility has 2,295 square feet, including a base building, elevator, and control cab where professional air traffic controllers will manage flights in and out of the reliever airport.

The \$2.2 million facility was built with \$1.5 million from the Federal Aviation Administration and \$730,565 from the City of San Marcos.

Texas Aviation Partners, the new management company for the airport, is working with the aviation division of the Texas Department of Transportation to coordinate staffing of the tower later this year.

The airport tower will mean safer air operations at the reliever airport, which serves as home base for more than 200 aircraft, the Central Texas Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, 12 airport businesses and hundreds of transient flights each month.

“We are also moving forward on the North Side Development, which will create a new front door to the airport and provide executive hangars, new utilities and new apron areas for aircraft,” Mayor Narvaiz said.

The 1,350-acre San Marcos Municipal Airport is located on State Highway 21 adjacent to Gary Job Corps Center. The San Marcos airport and job corps center were established in 1965 from Gary Air Field, originally a World War II Army Air Corps training base.

The tower was designed by William E. Payne & Associates and built by Zapalac/ Reed Construction of Austin.

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